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	Examiner Jerome W. Donnelly	Art Unit 3764	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE _____ MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected. 12 and 8-12
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to. 3-7 and 13-17
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

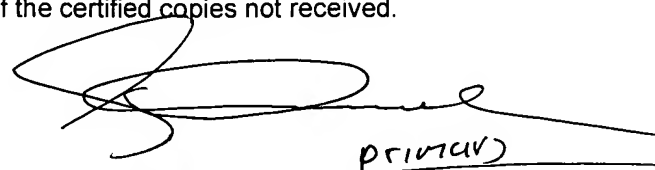
Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


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Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2 and 8-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kushner.

Kushner discloses a device comprising handles (18) having a through hole, an attachment member (22, 26) which includes a tubular portion (26) and a loop portion (22) a resilient cord having an end attached to tubular portion (26) and a belt (30) extending through said through hole of said handle and loop (22) of said attachment member (22, 26)

Applicants claims or the two attachment members each including a tubular portion and a loop is so broad so as to read on two separate components such as the sleeve (26) and loop (22) of Kushner.

In regard to claims 2 and 12 Kushner discloses a device having an engaging holes (78), stops (82) which extend into said engaging holes (78) and the end of said cord.

In regard to claim 8, loop 22 forms a hole inherently.

In regard to claim 9, note fastener 16 which is capable of being released, although possible not quickly.

In regard to claim 10, note the snapping member of fastener (62) which is capable of engaging a hole of another member.

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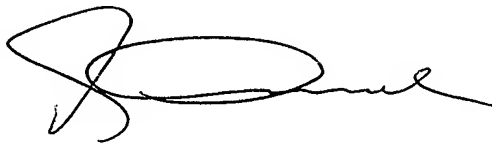
Claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 13-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In claim 3 and 13 it is not clear as to what inner periphery is being claimed.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Note the handles of Markham 6450929.

Note the handles of Hinds 6244998.

Jerome Donnelly


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